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- 1. EMBASSY GIVING CAREFUL AND DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS TO PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ONR GROUP WITHIN EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT CURRENT HIGH-LEVEL OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN JAPAN IS GENERATING INFORMATION TO WHICH INCREASED US ACCESS WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO DEGREE TO WHICH ONR PERSONNEL COULD ACHIEVE THIS ACCESS UNDER UNIQUE AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN JAPAN. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, JAPANESE SENSITIVITIES TO MILITARY-RELATED RESEARCH COULD INHIBIT EFFECTIVENESS OF EVEN CIVILIAN ONR PERSONNEL ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE IN CIVILIAN ENVIRONMENT (ESPECIALLY UNIVERSITIES) HERE. LANGUAGE AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE MATTER.
- 2. WE BELIEVE THESE DOUBTS CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT FRANK CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP, WITH FULL EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE AND COMPOSITION OF OFFICE AND BENEFITS WHICH IT MAY HAVE FOR JAPANESE. EMBASSY PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE SUCH CONSULTATION WITH FONMIN CONFIDENTIAL

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AND STA, BUT HAS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION AT PRESENT TO

DEAL WITH QUESTIONS WHICH JAPANESE ARE LIKELY TO RAISE. INFORMATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES IS THEREFORE REQUESTED.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION AND PROGRAMS OF ONR, INCLUDING ITS ROLE IN UNDERTAKING R&D OF CIVIL, AS WELL AS MILITARY, VALUE.

- B. SPECIFIC COMPOSITION PROPOSED FOR TOKYO OFFICE ONR REPS: I.E., FIELDS TO BE COVERED BY PROPOSED THREE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, RATIONALE FOR SELECTION THESE FIELDS, AND RESUME OF ONR PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS.
- C. PROCEDURES TO BE EMPLOYED BY OFFICE IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH JAPANESE R&D INSTITUTIONS; E.G., WILL ACCESS TO BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE R&D PROGRAMS BE INVOLVED; ARE FREQUENT LABORATORY VISITS CONTEMPLATED; ETC.
- D. ACCESS TO BE GIVEN IN US TO JAPANESE INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO ONR PERSONNEL. INGERSOLL

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